

"BLACKSHEEP"

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know anything about horses?" "Oh, I've always been around horses," said Archie. "Guess I can handle 'em all right."

"Well, go to the barn and clean up the pony, and clap on a boy's saddle you'll find there; and there's a sorrel mare in the last stall on the left you can take. The old man's granddaughter wants to ride. I gotta waste a horse right now so a grown man can play with a kid! Guess all them Congdon's got something wrong with 'em! The old man's skipped this morning without sayin' whether he'd ever be back again—not only that, but he's took a scrub 'n was usin' as handy man on the place.

Archie set off stolidly for the barn. His appointment as groom for the party to her abduction, and danced daughter of Putney Congdon was only another ironic turn of fate. The child came running into the barn lot followed by the woman who had been a joyfully toward the pony. The woman, after watching for a moment or two, was satisfied that the groom was a master horseman and sat down on the grass by the gate to read.

Archie, in his anxiety to save the child from mishap, had given little attention to the traffic on the road until he awoke to the fact that the same touring car had passed twice within a short period of and—it flashed upon him in a moment that this was either the Governor's New York chauffeur or some one who bore a striking resemblance to him. The woman's attention was wholly relaxed and she scarcely glanced up as he passed her. There could be no better opportunity for the seizure, as the laborers were widely distributed over the farm.

The gray-clad chauffeur passed again—this time in a more powerful car. He made no sign but Archie caught a glimpse of the Governor busily talking to a strange man. Convinced now that the Governor's plans were culminating and that the car was making their circuits of the farm to enable the occupants to get their bearings, Archie awaited anxiously the next appearance of the machine. When at the end of a quarter of an hour it shot into view Archie was at the farthest point from he gate indicated by the woman as the range of Edith's exercise.

"That girth needs pulling up a little; let's dismount here, said Archie, drawing up under a tree at the roadside. The woman was deeply preoccupied with her book and apparently oblivious to the traffic on the road. Archie pretended to be having trouble with the saddle as he filled in the time necessary for the car to reach him. It passed the gate more rapidly than on previous occasions, but slowed down at once and a familiar voice said:—

"Edith—Miss Edith Congdon," said the Governor, smiling. "Your mother wants you very, very much and I've come to take you to her. If you will jump into the car you will see her very soon. We must be in a hurry or that woman will catch you. You needn't have a fear in the world. Will you trust me?"

The child hesitated a moment—then glancing at the approaching woman with a look of fear—jumped nimbly into the machine.

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Community News

By Special Correspondents

UPPER WILLAMETTE

Prof. and Mrs. E. E. Kilpatrick drove to Ashland last Monday. Prof. Kilpatrick returned Tuesday but Mrs. Kilpatrick will remain in Ashland where she will undergo an operation for removal of her tonsils.

Christmas vacation at the Pleasant Hill high school will begin Friday afternoon December 23 and extend until Tuesday January 3. The public school will only have Monday December 26 and Monday January 2 for vacation.

The Pleasant Hill basketball team will meet Mohawk team next Friday at Mohawk. Mohawk defeated the Pleasant Hill boys three weeks ago so the boys are looking for a hard game.

The Pleasant Hill girls basketball team defeated the Creswell girls last Friday by a score of 33 to 17 and the Pleasant Hill boys piled up a score of 59 to Creswell's 12. The games were played at Pleasant Hill.

The Goshen Grange elected the following officer: at their meeting Wednesday last week. Master, S. E. Cole; overseer, Donald Calvert; chaplain, Mrs. S. E. Cole; lecturer, Mrs. A. Lindley; secretary, G. C. Lawrence; steward, Wayne McBee; gatekeeper, Howard Lindley; treasurer, A. C. Miller; Ceres, Edna McBee; Pomona, Ruth Carmony; Flora, Mrs. Roy Potter.

The women of the grange held an open sale Saturday, December 17.

The women of Pleasant Hill who could spare the time met at the home of Mrs. Harden Monday December 19 and helped pack the gifts that had been brought to the Harden home for the Girls' College in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hutton and son, Vernon have moved from Sunnyside, Washington, to Trent.

"Grandma" Sarah J. Handsaker celebrated her 90th birthday in Eugene December 15. Descendants of Mrs. Handsaker who live at Pleasant Hill are Mrs. W. L. Bristow, Morton Bristow and two children, Mrs. P. N. Laird and children and grandchildren, Myrna Jeanne and Raymond Laird and Thomas S. Handsaker and son.

The young folks of the Christian church and school will give a Christmas program Friday night at the school.

The high school and public school will have a Christmas tree Friday December 23. Small presents will be exchanged among the students.

GARDEN WAY

In honor of W. H. Anderson's birthday Friday December 16, a number of friends gathered at his home to enjoy a dinner party and an evening at cards. Those who were bidden to enjoy the happy event were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Larwood, Mr. and Mrs. R. Biddle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lighty and son, Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hawkins, Mrs. Grace Dunn, Miss Dell, Mrs. Grace May, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and son, Forest.

Mrs. Carrie Parshall returned from Junction City Thursday.

H. K. Chase spent a couple of days at Newberg last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson of Eugene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Neal Monday.

The P. T. A. sponsored a very interesting and instructive lecture given at the school by Prof. Gladdish of Springfield High school, Friday evening.

Miss Effie Ingram and Mr. and Mrs.

C. Johnson arrived from Astoria Sunday for a day's visit at the G. H. Neal home. Monday they motored to Roseburg where they will visit for a few days returning to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Neal.

THURSTON

The Texas club met with Mrs. Roy Edmiston last Wednesday, there were sixteen in attendance.

Mrs. Hill from California has spent several days visiting her son, James, and family. She intends to go on to Washington to spend the holidays there.

The Ladies Aid are going to give a chicken dinner and bazaar in the Thurston hall on Thursday December 29. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hildebrand from Springfield spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bertsch.

Elmer Peppit from Deerhorn was in Thurston on business Tuesday.

The annual hall meeting was held last Monday evening, Roy and Walter Edmiston and Bert and Ross Mathews were elected directors and Herbert Weiss, secretary and treasurer.

Professor Landles from Eugene was in Thurston Monday evening drilling the orchestra on their music for Christmas. He has a class of ten students here.

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Genes on Friday December 16, 1927, a daughter. The mother and baby are doing well.

The high and grade schools are putting on programs and having their Christmas trees on Friday. The Sunday school is holding one at the church on Saturday evening.

Maude and Loren Edmiston who have been attending the U. of O. in Eugene are spending the Christmas holidays at their homes here.

WINTER CAMP CALLS

LANE COUNTY SCOUTS

Lane county Boy Scouts will leave for their annual winter outing, to be held this year at Cruzatte, near the summit of the Cascades, on Tuesday, December 27, according to announcement by W. P. Tyson, vice-president

of the county council. Mr. Tyson urged that Springfield Scouts take advantage of the opportunity for a few days winter sports, recreation and instruction.

Boys over 15 years will pay a fare of \$5.45 for transportation by train to the camp. Those under 15 will pay \$4.85. The train will leave at 6:30 a. m. on December 27, and will return on Friday or Saturday. Heavy clothes, mess kits and food should be taken by the boys making the trip. Scouting officials here will give further instructions.

LEGION PLAY BRINGS \$75 INTO TREASURY

Funds for Brattain school equipment, and for funding the American Legion post debt, were increased by more than \$75 as a result of the play, "His Uncle's Niece," given at the Bell house was crowded, and the play was pronounced a success.

Dr. Carl Phetteplace, Elmer Maxey, Eula Halleck, Catherine Hemenway, Ira M. Peterson, Harold Halleck, Donald McKinnon and Tom Swarts composed the cast, which was directed by Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway.

The play was well received and presented ably by the cast. In view of the patronage given it the legion is planning on presenting the play again early next year.

CASCADE OFFICERS ARE HONORED AT GATHERING

Honoring especially Mrs. Will Rouse, retiring worthy matron of the Cascade chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. C. E. Wheaton entertained Mrs. Rouse's staff of officers and special guests at her home last Saturday afternoon. Christmas decorations and refreshments added to the pleasure of the affair.

Present were Mrs. Rouse, Mrs. Ida Swarts, Mrs. Opal Roberts, Mrs. Jannetta Wright, Mrs. Inez May, Mrs. Edna Dippel, Mrs. Jane Cruzan, Mrs. Mable Mortensen, Mrs. Edna Platt, Mrs. Pearl Schantol, Mrs. Mary Abrams, Mrs. Helen Morgan, Mrs. Dora Neet, Mrs. Ida Holverson, Mrs. Hazel Adrian, of the staff. Special guests were Mrs. Jane Ketels and Mrs. Mary Gallier, both past worthy matrons.

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FRIENDS KEEP RECORD OF 16 YEARS SPENDING HOLIDAYS TOGETHER

For sixteen years, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wheaton and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Vincent have spent two holidays together annually. This record is not to be broken this year, and Christmas day will find Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton, of this city, guests at the Vincent home in Eugene.

The plan, adopted long ago, was for the Vincents to be guests of the Wheatons on Thanksgiving day, then, reciprocating, the Eugene folk were to entertain the Wheatons on Christ-

mas day. Much pleasure was derived from the first visits, and they determined to keep the custom. Not once has it been broken, and this year at Thanksgiving time Mr. and Mrs. Vincent were Springfield visitors as guests of the Wheatons.

Christmas Party Enjoyed

A pleasant Christmas party was enjoyed Monday evening at the home of Mrs. L. A. Tobias. The affair was in the nature of a shower, accorded Mrs. Francis Plummer by women of the Springfield Baptist church.

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